GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUGAR RESERVES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the actual sugar reserve in the country as on date;

(b) whether the supply of sugar during 2002-03 fall short of its demand;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the target fixed for releasing sugar for the open market, for the next three months?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a): The stocks of sugar in the country as on 15.03.2003 was 164.31 lakh Tonnes (provisional).

(b): With the estimated production of 183.00 Lakh M.Ts of sugar during the current season, 2002-2003 (October to September) and the carry over stocks from the previous season of 100 Lakh M.Ts, the total availability of sugar during the season is estimated to be 283.00 Lakh M.Ts. Against this, total requirement of sugar for internal consumption including likely exports would come to a level of 205.00 Lakh M.Ts. As such there shall be no short fall of sugar during the season 2002-2003.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): The Non-Levy Sugar quota announced for the Quarter April, 2003 to June, 2003 is as under:-

Month	Non Levy Sugar Quota (Lakh M.Ts)
April, 2003	8.00
May, 2003	8.50
June, 2003	9.50
Total	26.00